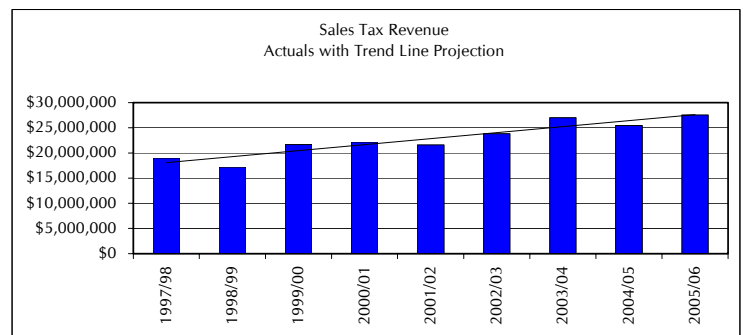
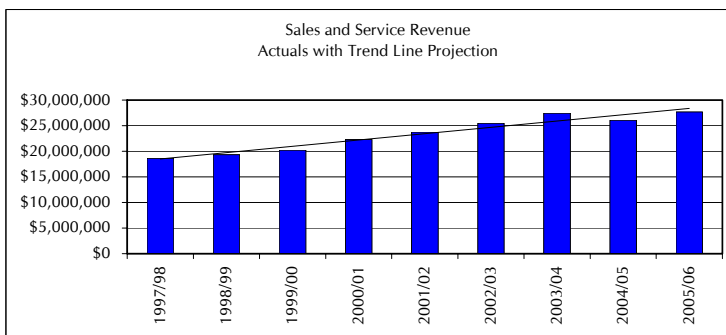
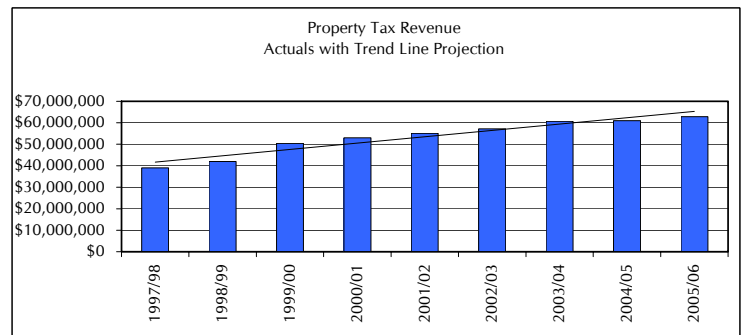
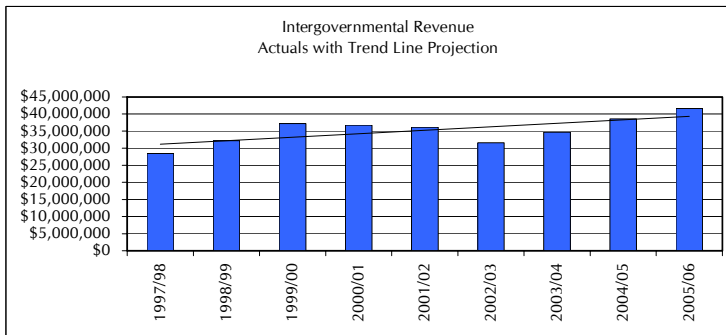


MAJOR REVENUE SOURCES

Actuals and Trend



Property Tax - A tax levied by the Board of Commissioners against real and personal property. Once every four years the County Tax Assessor must reevaluate the real property in the County. The County tax rate is \$.49 per \$100 of valuation. Property Tax estimates for Fiscal Year 2005/06 are based on average growth of 0.7%.

Sales and Service - Revenue from sales and service includes funds received from Medicaid reimbursement, user fees, and assessments to municipalities for items such as elections, GIS, or planning studies. The projected increase in this area reflects growth in building inspection fees due to the merger with the City of Hickory Building Services.

Sales Tax - The sales tax is levied by the County, collected by the State, and then returned to the County. Sales tax revenue is directly related to the growth of the economy, and the assumption in this budget is that the slow economy will bring 2% growth.

Intergovernmental - Revenues received from the State and Federal government. Most of these revenues are tied to programs which the State or Federal Agency has ordered the County to implement, such as human service programs.